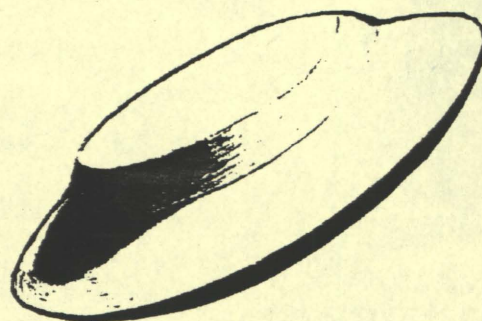
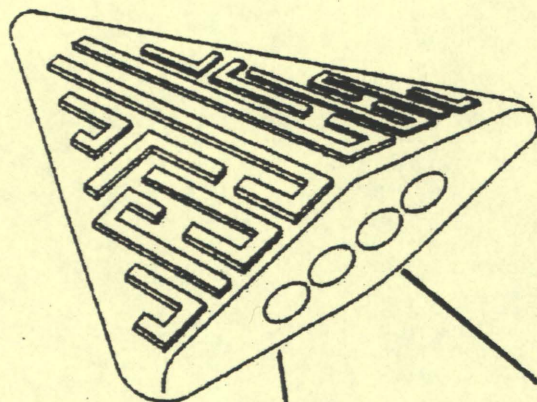
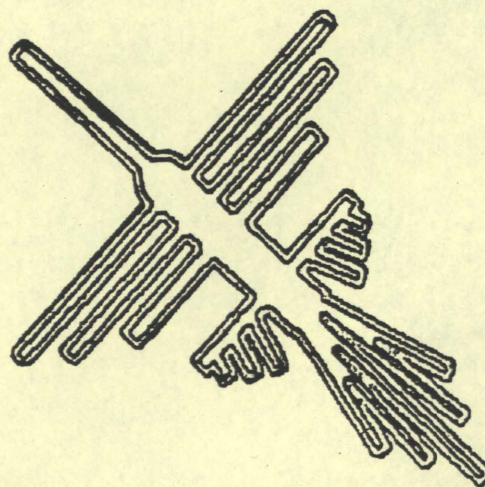
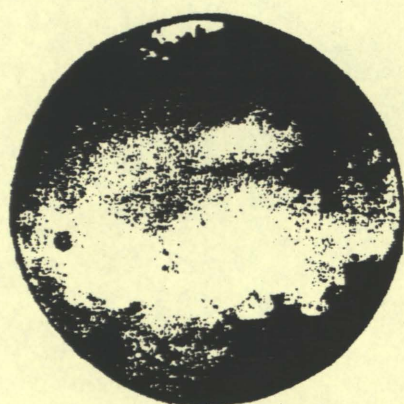


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IS A NEW UFO 'FLAP' STARTING IN ILKESTON (Derbys.)?

First of all let me apologise for the late issue of the OVNI journal. A number of reasons caused the delay, not least was the complete 'freezing up' of the computer and the ultimate discovery that the machine had not one, but two viruses in its works!

Thanks to the prompt action of our computer 'whiz-kid' Garry Stapleton, who spent several hours working his way through the system, the viruses were located and neutralised. Thankfully, very few files were affected and production of the OVNI continued.

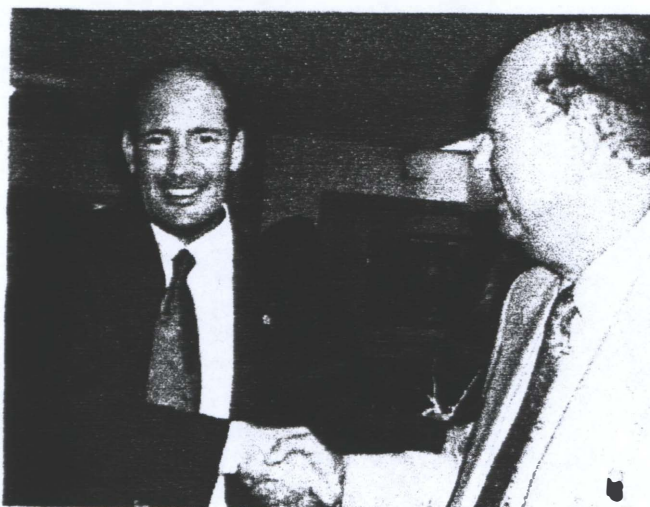
One has to wonder about the mentality of people who set out to deliberately destroy and disorganise computer programmes throughout the world. Their actions are no better than hooligans that seem intent on destruction of everything in their domain, Bus shelter windows being a prime example!

As mentioned in our late headline, Ilkeston appears to be the centre of an increasing number of UFO incidents, the latest being reported on Sunday 6th October (see 'Tale Enders').

This Derbyshire town was the centre of a UFO 'flap' just a few years ago, when 'a glowing jellyfish' object was reported over the town for almost a week.

This resulted in numerous reports including one from a very distressed father that stated his 11 year-old daughter had come down to breakfast in the morning and said that during the night she had woken up to find several small figures huddled around the sides of her bed!

The girl and her father were very upset about the incident and asked "What is going on?".....If only we knew!



Omar Fowler greeting the award-winning TV and Video Documentary Producer Michael Hesemann (Germany) at the Leeds International UFO Conference on the 21st September 2002. (Photo:Garry Stapleton PRA)

Airborne Sighting of a 'Flying Triangle'

This report was received as a direct result of Omar Fowler's 'UFO phone-in' BBC Radio Derby broadcast with presenter John Holmes on the 5th September 2002.

The two witnesses were subsequently interviewed later in the day, when Mr R. Varney (a retired Physicist) and his wife described in detail what had happened on their flight last year.

On the 15th March 2001, Mr and Mrs Roger Varney were flying over Germany on the return leg of their trip to Australia. They were travelling on Emirates flight EK39 from Dubai to Birmingham and the time was about 11am.

Mr Varney and his wife casually glanced out of the aircraft window as their flight progressed. Mr Varney then related what happened next!

"We were flying at 37,000ft (*noted from the in-flight display*) above the clouds in a clear sunny sky, when we saw a large black triangular object, with a sharp outline, hovering over and between the clouds about ten miles away."

"We were slightly higher and so were looking down on the upper side of it. It was very big and at the time I estimated that it was about 100 times bigger than an ordinary aircraft. We both saw it and watched it for about 2 minutes before it disappeared into the clouds."

"Although it was difficult to guess how big it was, but judging by the distance and size at arms length, it was one or two orders of magnitude bigger than our plane."

"We finally lost sight of it as it passed into the clouds."

Mr Varney described how he was amazed by the size of the craft as it appeared to slowly 'float' over the tops of the clouds below. It was last seen heading North, before it finally disappeared.

Mr Varney's report is reminiscent of an earlier report printed in the OVNI, when an airborne holiday traveller reported seeing a 'Black Triangle' while flying over the Mediterranean sea.



Drawing based on Mr Varney's sighting.

STRANGE CONTRAILS SEEN OVER LONG EATON

You may have read about the strange contrails seen over the United States. This has often resulted in illness to the people living below this mysterious activity.

After past revelations about radio-active experiments carried out on an unknowing population in the USA, we can only wonder what purpose these contrails may have and consider the possible sinister implications of this aerial activity. (*Photographs of the contrails have been published recently in 'UFO Magazine'.*)

Now it seems that something similar may have occurred over the town of Long Eaton in Derbyshire, as we have received a report from a Mr R.J.Scott, a retired technician, who observed a strange phenomenon, together with two neighbours.

Mr Scotts report is reproduced below.

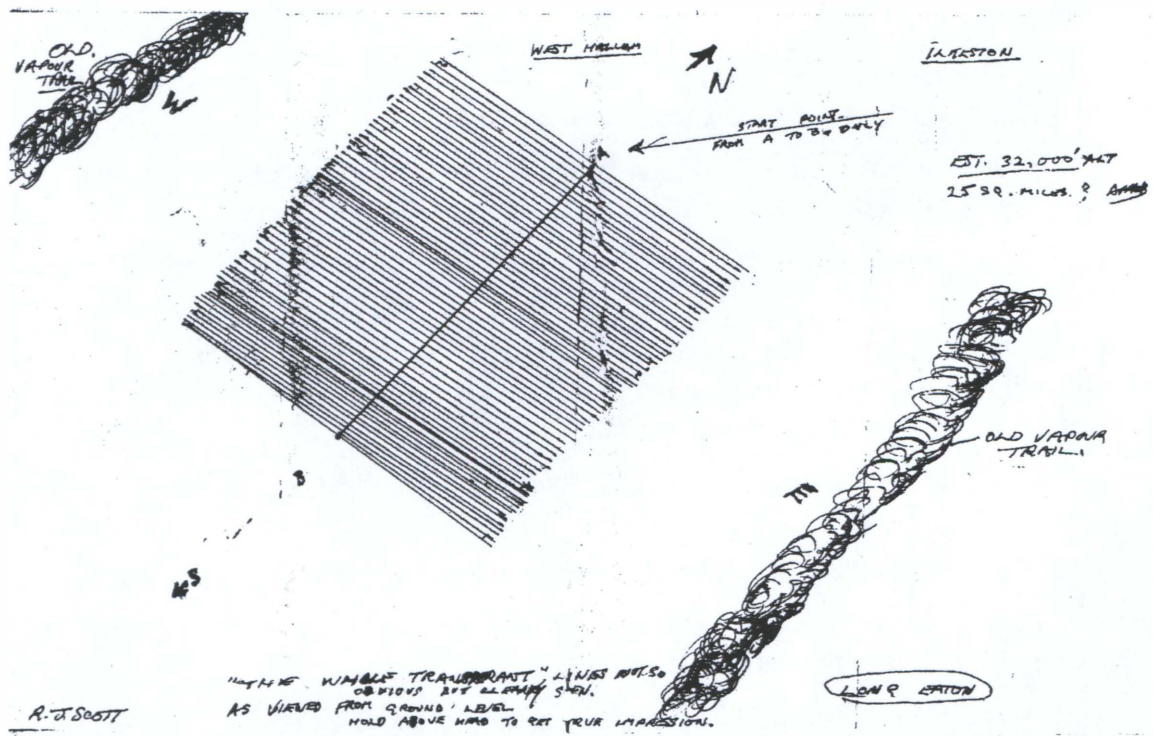
"Whilst putting out my empty milk bottles by my front door on a typical late summer evening at 7.50pm on the 4th September 2002, I naturally took time to look up in the sky to observe the weather or aircraft movements."

It was a beautiful clear blue evening sky with a few 'mares-tails' (*cirrus cloud at altitude*) and the remnants of some old vapour trails, as I live under the 'Amber One' air lane."

"Suddenly between the old vapour trails, I saw something like a thin pencil line being drawn across the sky, moving from the North to the South for a length I estimated to be about 5 miles."

"The line then stopped and there erupted from either side, other lines at right angles spreading from East to West (see drawing) at very high speed, like a liquid travelling in corrugated plastic sheets. I estimated that the area covered was about 25 sq. miles."

"I rang the Police, but no explanation has been given so far."



Mr Scotts drawing of the strange event.

STRANGE LIGHTS OVER THE ISLE OF LEWIS (SHETLAND ISLE'S)

A report by PRA member Melanie Cunningham

It was 11.15pm on the late evening of the 20th August and it was rather chilly as I was walking near my home which is near Stornoway, in the Isle of Lewis, Scotland.

There was a lovely night sky with its unusual cloud formations.

Suddenly flashes of light appeared opposite to me in the Western sky, moving slowly and silently.

I established that the light was coming from a flashing object that then quickly ascended, turning round to a South-Westerly direction and heading towards Loch Carloway (a sea Loch).

From the back view, I could make out four white lights and a red one (see sketch).

The object moved quickly towards the Loch, where it slowed down and seemed to hover for around four to five minutes above the water, before disappearing into cloud.

I observed this with my 10 x 50 binoculars and felt surprised to experience this in the Western Isles. (*Melanie has only lived in the area for a few weeks Ed.*)

Melanie added that the light was 'very bright' and she observed it for a period of about ten minutes. What made it appear unusual was the way that it changed its movements, the silence and the sudden switch from one altitude to another. It was also well away from Stornoway airport.

Melanie was unsure of the shape of the object, but stated that it may have been a 'triangle'?



ILKESTON HOT SPOT!

We have just received two reports of UFO activity in the Ilkeston area.

One concerns two lights moving around following an 'S' pattern and witnessed by a Mr Stevenson at 11.30pm on the night of the 26th September.

We are awaiting further details of this incident which could indicate an increase in UFO activity in the area (see below).

The second incident took place on the night of the 30th September at around 7.45pm, over Ilkeston when what may have been a huge cigar shaped object, illuminated with five big round white lights, with three lights on top and a red flashing light seen underneath.

The craft travelled very slowly at approx. 30mph, travelling from West to East, making a low pitched droning noise.

The witness, Mrs Winfield said that the size of the object was that of a pencil, at arms length.

Mrs Winfield's son, stated that prior to appearance of the 'cigar' shaped object, he had seen two big bright lights moving around and heading towards the West.

A full report of this incident will be published in the next issue of the OVNI.

Ilkeston was the scene of a week of hectic UFO activity a few years ago, when an 'illuminated jellyfish' was reported hovering over the town.

Mysterious Coloured Craft Seen Over Derby 24th August 2002

This report was sent in by Mrs 'FS' and concerns her sighting of a strange multi-coloured object over Derby at 11.35pm on Saturday 24th August 2002. She observed the object for some 15 minutes and her account is published below.

"I first noticed the object above the rooftops of the houses to the west of my garden. It had an elliptical shape unlike any star or aircraft I have ever seen. (I am an amateur astronomer and I know what I am seeing when I look into the sky)."

Mrs 'FS' made two drawing of the object, showing the coloured light distribution.

"The colours flashed in sequence, except the red, which was constant."

"On my first sighting, the object tracked from side to side steadily, while my husband and I watched it."

"The next night (25th August) we saw the same object again in the same position, although (*it appeared*) about 30 mins. earlier. This time it was larger and I was able to discern the shape better (see sketch) and the colours could be seen with the naked eye."

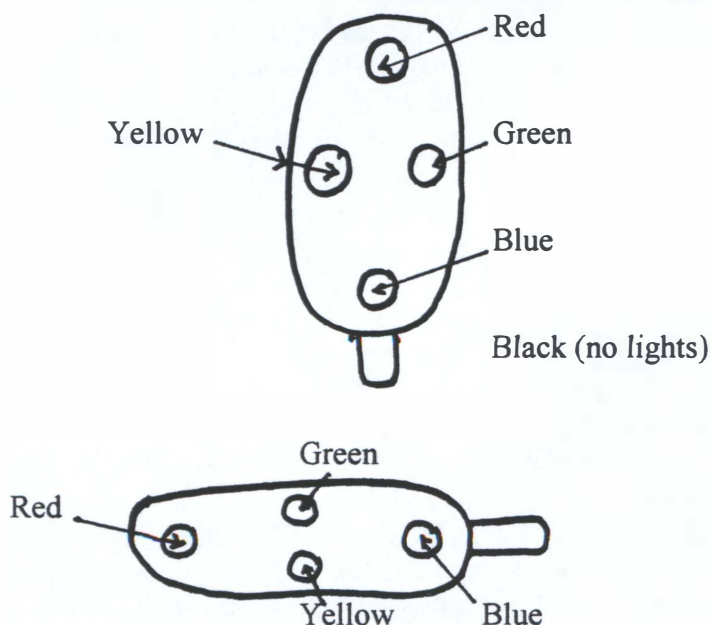
"The previous evening (24th) we had used binoculars at 8x magnification to observe the object. It appeared to rotate at 90 degrees anti-clockwise, so that the red light that had been at the top of the object, was now on the left hand side, still lit constantly (*not flashing*). The green, blue and yellow lights continued to flash during this sighting observation."

"Just after the object disappeared, there was a brilliant white flash in the Northwest part of the sky at an angle of 45 degrees above the horizon. It was as if a very powerful flashgun had gone off in the sky. It was bright enough to light up my garden."

"A friend of mine who lives in the Normanton area of Derby, also saw the flash and described it as a very powerful point of light."

When questioned about the strangeness of the object that made it unusual, Mrs 'FS' replied that "It was its shape and the bright colours flashing in repeated sequence, although the red was constant. The object also oscillated from side to side."

When first seen, the object was stationary in the WNW and then slowly moved away over the rooftops.



EXTRACTS FROM THE 'FILERS FILES'.

FILER'S FILES #40 - 2002, new website is at <http://www.filersfiles-ufo.com>.

VERMONT TRIANGULAR LIGHT FORMATION

WALDEN -- On September 8, 2002, the witness was staying at a friends house in Northern Vermont and watched an impressive display of the Northern Lights early in the evening. The witness says, "I fell asleep on the couch and awoke around 3 AM and decided to take my sleeping bag onto the deck to fall asleep under the stars. While stargazing I noticed what appeared to me a satellite tracking from south to north. Upon further observation I noticed that the object was being followed by two additional lights of the same size. All three were equidistant forming a very distinct triangle pattern. The lights were about 1.5 - 2x brighter than the surrounding stars. I continued to follow the objects as they tracked steadily to the north. After the sighting I observed two brief flashes, similar to a mirror at a great distance reflecting sunlight. The flashes were quite brief but 3-4x brighter than the stars. These occurred about a minute apart from each other and were overhead in the area.

NUFORC Note: We are aware of the U. S. Navy "NOSS" satellites which currently are in orbit, but they are not in a polar orbit, to the best of our knowledge. Also, they probably would not be visible at 3:00 AM, since they probably would be in the Earth's shadow at that time. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

NEW YORK FLYING TRIANGLE WITH YELLOW PULSING LIGHTS

ONEIDA -- On September 8, 2002, at 4 PM, on the highway in Little Falls there was people driving slow and some people were out of their car pointing up. Flying in the sky was a yellow flying triangle with yellow pulsing lights, then it disappeared and left a smoke trail like a jet in the shape of a triangle. Thanks to Peter Davenport

PENNSYLVANIA RECENT BIGFOOT ACTIVITY

DERRY TOWNSHIP --Two witnesses reported to Researcher Stan Gordon that on two separate occasions they spotted a Bigfoot creature. The man said that he thought that I should be made aware of what was happening, but he strongly expressed that the identities of those involved, as well as the actual location of the sighting not be made public. Gordon and his wife Debbie went to Westmoreland County to investigate and video tape the sites. The teenage son was the first to have an encounter with the Bigfoot like animal on September 11, 2002, at 6 PM. The young man was a very serious individual, and carefully revealed the details of his sunset sighting, when he heard crashing sounds originating from a wooded area.. There were sounds as though something was hitting a log, and branches breaking. He stopped to listen, 300 feet away he saw "a big brown human looking thing but very tall." The creature was observed in some clearings. He was man-like with broad shouldered, about 8 feet tall very long arms, and covered with dark brown hair. The creature's head was not perfectly round, and somewhat cone shaped. The creature which took very long steps, was swinging its arms as it moved, and was slightly bent forward as it walked. "It leaned over when it walked." The observation lasted about 30 seconds.

Then on September 27, 2002, at about 2 PM., the wife heard a sound like limbs and trees breaking coming from her left, and she stopped her car. She was concerned about deer and was talking to her husband on the cell phone when 45 yards away, she saw a tall hairy creature emerge from a clearing in the woods an estimated at 8 feet tall that matched the previous description. The creature took big steps and crossed a tall barbed wire fence in stride and just raised its leg over the fence. "It just walked over a 44 inch fence. I had made many trips in this general area during 1973, when a major outbreak of Bigfoot sightings was occurring. Thanks to Stan Gordon (724-838-7768) paufo@westol.com <http://www.westol.com/~paufo>

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ELECTRICIAN ALLEGES UFO ABDUCTION IN SOUTHERN CHILE

Santiago, Southern Chile, May 14. An electrician claims having been abducted by a UFO while travelling by car between two towns in southern Chile. Gabriel Encina, 47, states that the strange experience occurred six years ago, but that the anguish he experienced kept him from disclosing it until now. "No one can keep me from thinking that I was abducted by something or someone. What I saw wasn't an airplane or a flying saucer, it was simply a very bright light that landed on top of my car," said Gabriel Encina in an interview published by "El Diario Austral de Temuco".

Encina notes that he never discussed the subject and that only his wife and close friends knew about it. "I know that others will call me a madman. In spite of the time that's elapsed, I'm still a bit affected by it. Ever since that abduction, I have headaches, migraines and bone trouble," he explained. "I have difficulty sleeping, I'm afraid of dreaming, and when I close my eyes I see that light following me, moving slowly toward me."

Chile, a nation of 15.5 million inhabitants, ranks fifth among the countries having the greatest number of UFO sightings, after the USA, Peru, Brazil and Russia.

Encina recalled that the incident occurred on June 27, 1996 at 20:00 hrs. (24:00 GMT) while travelling between Los Sauces and Angol in the La Araucania region, 608 km to the south of Santiago, under clear skies and the damp weather characteristic of that winter season. "I suddenly saw a very bright white light some 3 meters in diameter which appeared and descended and followed me. I accelerated, but curiously, the car lost speed," he added.

He says that when the light landed on his vehicle, the radiance was so intense that he could make out dust particles floating in the air. "That's when I felt anguished and passed out."

According to Encina, when he awoke, both he and his car were some 12 km. from where the encounter with the alleged UFO took place. "My legs trembled and my head hurt. I was surprised that my wristwatch had stopped at 20:05 hours, although almost an hour had elapsed since the encounter," Encina explained.

TRUE AREA 51 STORY SET FOR BIG SCREEN

BOB LAZAR, THE MAN WHO EXPOSED SECRET MILITARY BASE COVER-UP SIGNS DEAL WITH BLUEBOOK FILMS

Bob Lazar, the man behind the legend of Area 51 as the centre of a massive U.S. Government cover-up surrounding crashed alien spacecraft, has signed a deal with UK based Bluebook Films to bring his unique story to the screen.

Lazar, who went public in 1988, claimed that he had worked at the Top Secret Groom Lake Test Site, in the Nevada desert on a revolutionary propulsion system for a flying disk. Lazar said that during the course of his work at the base he saw at least nine disk shaped craft in hangars, that had been built into the side of the Papoose Mountain range, and actually saw test flights of some of these craft during both day and night.

VERY INTERESTING SCIENTIFIC VIEWS ON OCCURRING CHANGES IN OUR UNIVERSE.

An E-mail article forwarded by our friend Mr Harvey Cooke in New Zealand.

This is the Russian perspective on earth changes. Hard facts that are going unreported in America. The atmospheres of the planets are changing. Dr. Dmitriev's work shows that the planets themselves are changing. They are undergoing changes in their atmospheres.

For example the Martian atmosphere is getting sizably thicker than it was before. The Mars observer probe in 1997 lost one of its mirrors, which caused it to crash, because the atmosphere was about twice as dense as they calculated, and basically the wind on that little mirror was so high that it blew it right off the device.

Earth's moon is growing an atmosphere

Also, the moon is growing an atmosphere that's made up of a compound Dmitriev refers to as "Natrium." Dmitriev says that, around the moon, there is this 6,000-kilometer-deep layer of Natrium that wasn't there before.

And we're having this kind of change in Earth's atmosphere in the upper levels, where HO gas is forming that wasn't there before; it simply did not exist in the quantity that it does now. It's not related to global warming and it's not related to CFCs or fluorocarbon emissions or any of that stuff. It's just showing up.

Magnetic fields and brightness of the planets are changing. The planets are experiencing sizable changes in their overall brightness. Venus, for example, is showing us marked increases in its overall brightness. Jupiter has gotten to have such a high energetic charge that there is actually a visible tube of ionizing radiation that's formed between its moon, Io. You can actually see the luminous energy tube in photographs that have been taken more recently..

And the planets are having a change in their fields. The magnetic fields are becoming stronger. Jupiter's magnetic field has more than doubled. Uranus's magnetic field is changing. Neptune's magnetic field is increasing. These planets are becoming brighter. Their magnetic field strength is getting higher. Their atmospheric qualities are changing.

Earth Changes contd:

Uranus and Neptune appear to have had recent pole shifts. When the Voyager 2 space probe flew past Uranus and Neptune, the apparent north and south magnetic poles were sizably offset from where the rotational pole was. In one case, it was 50 degrees off, and in the other case the difference was around 40 degrees, both of which are pretty big changes.

The overall changes could essentially be broken down into three categories:

Energy field changes, luminosity changes, and atmospheric changes.

Overall volcanic activity has increased 500 percent since 1975. On the Earth, we're seeing the changes even more completely.

For example, Michael Mandeville has done research that has shown that the overall volcanic activity on the Earth since 1875 has increased by roughly 500 percent. The overall earthquake activity has increased by 400 percent just since 1973.

Natural disasters increased 410 percent between 1963 and 1993

Dr. Dmitriev did a very elaborate calculation of natural disasters. He showed that if you compare the years 1963 through 1993, the overall amount

of natural disasters of all different kinds - whether you are talking hurricanes, typhoons, mud slides, tidal waves, you name it - have increased by 410 percent.

The Sun's magnetic field increased by 230 percent since 1901

There's a study by Dr. Mike Lockwood from Rutherford Appleton National Laboratories in California, who has been investigating the Sun. He has discovered that since 1901, the overall magnetic field of the Sun has become 230 percent stronger than it was before. More than just Earth Changes

So, all in all, what we're seeing is a lot more than just what they call Earth Changes. Some people get into the idea that there is an interaction between the Earth and the Sun that's going on here. Very, very few people are aware of the work that is being done in the Russian National Academy of

Sciences in Siberia, specifically in Novosibirsk, where they are doing this

research. They've come to the conclusion that the only possible thing that

could be causing this energetic change all throughout the Solar System is that we are moving into an area of energy that is different - that is higher.

Earth Changes contd.

The glowing plasma at the leading edge of our Solar System has recently increased 1000 percent

Now, check this out. The Sun itself has a magnetic field, of course, and that magnetic field creates an egg around the Solar System, which is known

as the heliosphere. The heliosphere is shaped like a teardrop, with the long and thin end of the drop pointing in the opposite direction from the direction that we're traveling. It's just like a comet, where the tail is always pointing away from the Sun.

The Russians have looked at the leading edge of this heliosphere, and they have observed glowing, excited plasma energy there. This plasma energy used

to be 10 astronomical units deep (an astronomical unit is the distance from the Earth to the Sun, 93,000,000 miles). So ten astronomical units represents the normal thickness of this glowing energy that we used to see

at the front end of the Solar System.

Today, that glowing plasma has gone to 100 astronomical units deep. Although Dmitriev's paper does not give an exact timeline, we can assume that this increase happened in the same 1963 to 1993 period as the increase

he found in natural disasters. Whenever it happened, that's a 1,000 percent

increase in the overall brightness of the energy at the front end of the Solar System.

And this means that the Solar System itself is moving into an area where the energy is more highly charged. That higher-charged energy is in turn exciting the plasma and causing more of it to form, so you see more luminosity, more brightness. This energy is then flowing into the Sun, which in turn emits the energy and spreads it out along its equatorial plane, which is called the Ecliptic.

This in turn is saturating interplanetary space, which causes the solar emissions to travel more quickly and charge up the energy on the planets.

And this is conscious energy that is changing how the planet works, how

functions, and what kind of life it supports. The harmonics of the DNA spiral itself are altering. That's the real, hidden cause of spontaneous mass evolutions in previous epochs of time.

All this is happening all at the same time, and it's all working up to a crescendo where there is going to be a sudden shift.

In other words, we will get to the point where we are so far into the new level of energy that there will be a sudden expansion of the basic harmonic

wavelengths that the Sun emits as it radiates energy out of itself. This increase in energy emission will change the basic nature of all matter in the Solar System. End.




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Mystery Object Orbits Earth

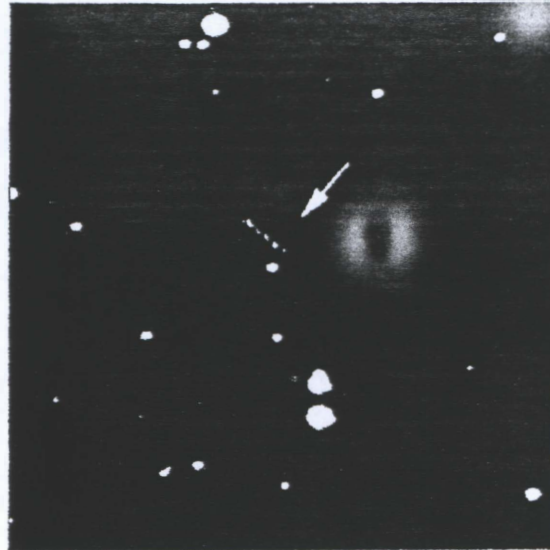


A puzzling object just discovered in orbit around Earth might be an Apollo rocket on a fantastic journey through the solar system.

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Sept. 20, 2002: Something odd is circling our planet. It's small, perhaps only 60-ft long, and rotates once every minute or so. Amateur astronomer Bill Yeung first spotted the 16th magnitude speck of light on Sept. 3rd in the constellation Pisces. He named it J002E3.

Automated asteroid surveys scan the skies every few weeks, yet there was no sign of Yeung's object earlier this year. "It must have entered Earth orbit recently," says Paul Chodas of NASA's Near-Earth Object Program at JPL. "But it doesn't match any recently-launched spacecraft."



In other words, it's a mystery.

Above: Andrea Aletti of the Schiaparelli Astronomical Observatory captured this 10-minute exposure of J002E3 gliding among the stars of the constellation Taurus on Sept. 17th. J002E3 rotates or tumbles every minute or so, which causes the brightness variations shown in the picture. [\[more\]](#)

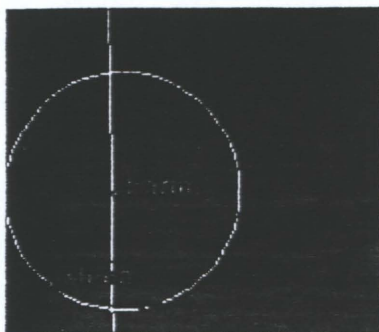
Could it be an alien spaceship? "If it is," says Chodas, "the aliens aren't good pilots. J002E3 is in a chaotic orbit. It loops around Earth once every 48 days or so, coming as close to our planet as the Moon and ranging as far away as two lunar distances." There's no evidence that the speck is moving under its own power. The orbit is constantly changing because of gravitational perturbations by the Sun and Moon.



At first Yeung and others thought J002E3 might be a small asteroid--a reasonable guess. The object is as bright as a 30m-wide space rock and it's moving about as fast as an asteroid should move. Mars and Jupiter have captured asteroid moons before; perhaps Earth had done the same.

It was a good idea, except for the paint.

That's what University of Arizona astronomers found on Sept. 12th when they measured the spectrum of sunlight reflected from J002E3. "The colors were consistent with ... white titanium dioxide paint--the type of paint NASA used on Apollo moon rockets 30 years ago," says Carl Hergenrother, who conducted the study with colleague Robert Whiteley.



So, J002E3 might be a spacecraft after all—an old one from Earth. Where has it been all these years?

"Orbiting the Sun," answers Chodas. "I've traced the motion of J002E3 backwards in time to find out where it's been," he explains. Apparently, J002E3 left Earth in 1971, went around the Sun 30 or so times, and came back again.

Chodas, a expert in planetary motion who has seen plenty of complicated orbits, says "I've never seen anything like this."

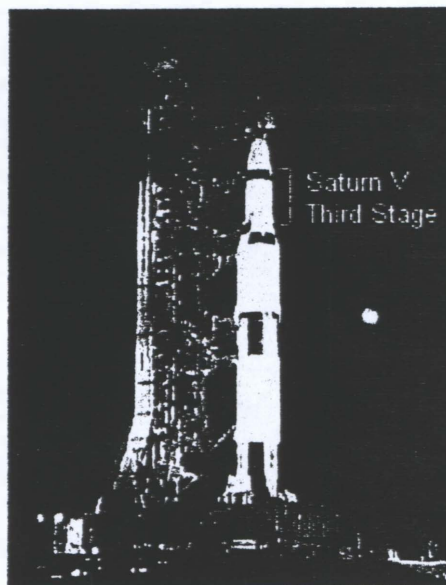
At first glance, J002E3 would seem to be from Apollo 14. That mission began in January of 1971, and according to Chodas' calculations J002E3 broke out of Earth orbit in March of the same year. There's a problem, though: NASA has accounted for all the big pieces of the Apollo 14 spacecraft. None are missing.

Chodas inventories the mission: On Jan. 31, 1971, a Saturn V rocket blasted off from Florida with Al Shepard, Ed Mitchell and Stuart Roosa inside. Two stages of the rocket fell back to Earth when they exhausted their fuel. A third stage, the S-IVB fuel tank and rocket engine, which propelled the crew from Earth-orbit toward the Moon, was likewise discarded. The S-IVB, however, did not fall back to Earth; it hit the Moon. Ground controllers guided it there on purpose to provide an impact for lunar seismic monitoring stations. The lunar module *Antares* was also deliberately crashed—more data for the seismic network. The command module *Kitty Hawk* returned the crew to Earth.

J002E3 couldn't be any of those things. "There is an outside chance that it might be one of the Spacecraft-Lunar Module Adapter (SLA) panels," adds Chodas, "although J002E3 appears to be too bright for one of those."

Right: The Apollo 12 Saturn V rocket awaits launch in 1969.

Another possibility is that J002E3 is an S-IVB from Apollo 12. Unlike Apollo 14, Apollo 12's S-IVB did not crash into the Moon. The crew jettisoned it on Nov. 15, 1969, when it was nearly out of fuel. Once the astronauts were safely away, ground controllers ignited the S-IVB's engine. They meant to send the 60-ft-long tank into a Sun-centered orbit, but something went wrong; the burn lasted too long. Instead of circling the Sun, the S-IVB entered a barely-stable orbit around the Earth and Moon "much like the current orbit of J002E3," notes Chodas.



Eventually, the Apollo 12 S-IVB vanished—no one knows when. Perhaps gravitational tugs from the Sun and Moon accumulated until they nudged the engine away from Earth in 1971. In this scenario, it would have circled the Sun for 31 years until it was re-captured by Earth's gravity in 2002.

"It's plausible," says Chodas, "but still speculative."

Whatever J002E3 is, it's taking a fantastic journey through the solar system—and it's not done yet. Chodas' calculations indicate that J002E3 will leave Earth again in June 2003 to resume its orbit around the Sun. "Thirty years from now," he notes, "it might come back again."

The Evening Sky October 2002

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Autumn has arrived with gusto this year bringing dark, clear skies, fresh cool nights and fantastic observing conditions. The autumn winds blow away the haze and dust of summer and we feel refreshed and look forward to the wonderful season to come. As dusk falls, the dim group of stars in the southern sky makes the body of Capricorn, while to the right, the stars of Sagittarius follow the Sun and sink into the western horizon.

All of the following planets: Jupiter, Saturn, Mars and Mercury are great to observe before the first light of dawn. Mercury puts on the best ever display of the year and so now is a good time to look for this lovely, little planet. The best time is on October 12th just before morning twilight. Indeed, it is Mercury that will be the Morning Star this month. Venus is a little too close to the Sun for safe observation. The planet of love is racing towards conjunction and will be lost to the glare of the Sun for much of the month.

Fragments of Halley's comet will plough through the Earth's atmosphere around the 20th. Unfortunately the Moon will be full and obliterate most of the fireballs. October is a good month to look for zodiacal light. Zodiacal light is caused by sunlight reflecting off dust particles within the inner solar system. To see the phenomenon, venture out before dawn twilight, choose a dark location and a moonless night and look east to where the sun will rise. The angle of sunlight is critical in the creation of zodiacal light and hence it is visible just twice each year near the equinoxes. The zodiacal light cone rises from the horizon and is brightest at its base.

Since June of this year the Space Shuttle fleet has been grounded due to engine fuel pipeline cracks. Also, the giant crawler used to move the Shuttles from their assembly room to the launch pad, has developed severe cracks in its bearings and is also grounded!

Britain will launch its first surveillance satellite in autumn 2003 at a cost of £12 million. TopSat will provide images with a resolution of 2.5 metres, of objects the size of a family car. So you had better watch out when driving.

Full Moon occurs on October 24. October Moon names are Blood Moon, Shedding Moon, Leaf Moon and Moon of Change. October or Octem, was the eighth month in the oldest Roman calendar and of course, the day Monday is so named after the moon. We subconsciously begin to make preparations for the coming winter at about this time. We check the antifreeze and tyres on the car, gather up garden waste and seal draughty spots around the house. We light a bonfire to burn garden and woodland debris.

The Greek festival of Thesmophoria came every year in honour of Demeter and was confined to women only. It was a three-day remembrance of Kor's return to the Underworld and at this festival the initiates shared a sacred barley drink and cakes. One feature of the Thesmophoria was to act as a deterrent to offenders against the sacred laws and temples, especially the temples of Demeter and Artemis. It was believed anyone who broke these laws would die before the year ended.

In Tibet, the Buddhist Lent occurred along with the Descent from Heaven festival, which celebrated the end of the rainy season.

Our celestial heritage enriches our cultural and social life. The changing of the seasons and the patterns, rhythms, circles and cycles of nature and the cosmos connect us all to the eternal and never ending rotation of our universe's wheel.

TALE ENDERS

MATLOCK UFO SIGHTING: 'Frank' telephoned from Matlock, Derbyshire to report seeing a flat 'airship' shaped craft, with multi-coloured lights, hovering over the Matlock Baths area at 11.45pm on the 23rd August 2002. "It made a sound like a highly tuned motorbike engine, a burring sound," said Frank. It was last seen moving off in the direction of Bonsall Moor (about 2 miles away), where there have been a number of recent sightings. The area is well known for having extensive mineral mines, including lead, dating back to Roman times. *Source: PRA*

SILVER BALLS OVER DERBY. A number of people reported seeing small silver balls over Derby at about 5.30pm on Sunday 1st September. "Just like a star in daylight" was one description. "One went straight up and another completed two circles in the sky" was another description.

At this stage we are uncertain if these reports could be due to a Fete in nearby Darley Park, where it is believed that a number of balloons were released during the afternoon. Whatever the explanation, the "rotating silver things" attracted a great deal of attention. *Source: PRA.*

"GOLDEN QUILT" of lights was observed moving East to West over Sinfen, Derby at 11pm on the 12th August 2002. "Like a flock of golden birds" was another description given by witness Mr Clarke. *Source: PRA*

RADIO SPECTACULAR. Omar Fowler was invited to take part in a discussion on 'Flying Triangles' on the 'Jeff Rense Radio Show' (USA) on Saturday 7th September. The programme was broadcast from the Pacific coast side of the USA, which meant getting up at 4.30am in the UK in order to participate.

The programme lasted for one hour and was broadcast 'coast to coast' in America. It went very well, as shortly afterwards an e-mail was received from New Zealand congratulating Omar on his "excellent research." Unknown at the time, the show had also been transmitted World-wide on the internet!

MORE DERBYSHIRE UFO LIGHTS. What was described as "a vertical stack of lights" were seen at 1.05am on the 12th September from Linton, South Derbyshire in a due South direction.

Viewed through 7x50 binoculars, the nine bright pulsating golden white lights (which were observed for ten minutes), were seen to be in an 'S' configuration. There was no noise heard at the time. *Source: PRA*

FIGHTERS BEATEN BY UFO. Two armed F16 fighters jets were scrambled to race across Washington in pursuit of a mysterious blue object travelling at 'phenomenal speed'.

The jets lost it somewhere over Waldorf, Maryland 30 miles from the capital. Military spokesmen said radar had detected an unknown object and two fighters from Andrews air force base were sent up to investigate. They refused to speculate and would not describe it as a UFO. *Source: Daily Mail 29/7/02*

ILKESTON 'FLAP' CONTINUES. A telephone call at 5.30am on Sunday 6th October from a Mr Stevenson in Ilkeston, informed us that on returning home from night shift work, he saw a large 'Flying Triangle' hovering over his home! *Source: PRA.*

NEXT PRA MEETING

Will be held at the Royal British legion, Allenton, Derby, on Tuesday 29th October at 8pm.

A video show, which will include the latest interview with surgeon Dr. Roger Leir regarding his removal of 'Alien Implants' from 'contactees'.

Plus a review of the latest UFO sightings and a Free Raffle for a selected UFO book.

£1 on the night. Non-members welcome

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